

USFS – Sequoia National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended on project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #1a-c – Applicant must verify that the information provided is the most recent available.
- #2 – #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #7c – Narrative does not support the selection. "Education programs, maps". Applicant must verify that the maps address OHV trespass and respect for private property.
- #10 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide further detail.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

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| Ground Operations – Sequoia National Forest Ground Operations | G17-02-15-G01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Project Description states “One hundred percent of OHV roads and trails on the Kern River and Hume Ranger Districts are logged out annually”. Applicant must clarify what this entails. • Applicant must explain if all roads included in this Project allow “green-sticker” OHVs. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “KR Volunteers”, Applicant must clarify if this will be California Trail Users Coalition, any other organization(s) or club(s), or independent volunteers. • Staff – “KR Volunteers”, “HL Volunteers”, and “WD: Volunteer”, Applicant must provide clarification on why the pay rates are all different. • Staff – “KR GS-5; 3 Temp...” and “KR GS-4; 3 Temp...” appear duplicative. Applicant must provide clarifying details for each explaining why both are needed. Also, patrol is a law enforcement activity. Applicant must clarify the meaning of patrol in this Project. • Staff – “Forestwide: Maintenance Crew”, Compared to prior year’s Project, costs increased significantly. Applicant must provide more details on how cost was determined to justify the cost increase. Also, Applicant must clarify if this is Forest staff or part of a contractual agreement with an outside entity. Also, position seems duplicative of the “Level 2 Road Maintenance” line item. Applicant must provide clarifying details. • Staff – “HL: Wildlife Biologist”, Compared to “like” Projects, the hourly rate appears excessive. Please provide additional details to justify the hourly rate. • Staff – “WD: Volunteer” Applicant must identify the duties being performed. • Contracts – “KR Toilet Pumping Service”, Applicant must explain the source of match. • Contracts – “Level 2 Road Maintenance”, Applicant must explain the source of match, and provide more details for how cost was determined. Also, position seems duplicative of the “Forestwide: Maintenance Crew”. Applicant must provide clarifying details. • Materials/Supplies – “Yurt Supplies”, Applicant must clarify what purpose the yurt serves in the Project. • Materials/Supplies – “WD OSV safety equipment”, “...emergency kit supplies...” are indirect. Applicant must move to the Indirect Cost Category. • Materials/Supplies – “KR Camera”, This line item reflects the same request from Prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide clarification as to why this item is being requested again. • Equipment Use – Line items #14 - #19, #33 and #34 Applicant must provide more details on what the cost entails and for those that have match, identify the source of match. • Equipment Use – “HL Holdover vehicle”, Applicant must explain what a holdover vehicle is and clarify how Ground Operation time/mileage is tracked. | |

- Equipment Use Expenses – “KR Cyrus Cyn Dozer Rental” and “KR Cyrus Cyn Water Tender” Line items appear to be contracts for services. Applicant must clarify/provide additional details or move to the Contracts Cost category.
- Equipment Purchases – “ATV/UTV Trailer” Both the Western Divide and the Hume Lake Ranger Districts have trailers. Applicant must provide a justification for why the District Office needs one as well and include the proposed purchase in the Project Description.

Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – For the “Stakeholder” selection, Applicant must provide which Bureau of Land Management Office has stakes in the Sequoia National Forest.
- #7 - Project Cost Estimate does not affirm “Paper used for trail maps...” Applicant must verify maps are being distributed as part of this Project.